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BARTH, Han-Joachim, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING
THIN METAL-CONTAINING
LAYERS HAVING LOW
ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE

Examiner: not assigned

Group Art Unit No.: not assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
3,585,088	6/15/1971	Schwutke, et al.	148/174	10/18/1968
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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Jiang, Qing-Tang, Tsai, Ming-Hsing and Havemann, R.H., "Line Width Dependence of Copper Resistivity," Proceedings of the 2001 International Interconnect Technology Conf., page 227 (3 pages)
International Search Report for counterpart international application number PCT/DE03/01205 (5 pages).

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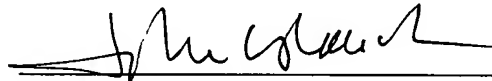
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